

Appendix A.5 - Continuum of Care

Appendix A.5 summarizes activities and outcomes of the Continuum of Care model for providing homeless assistance. Continuum of Care is the coordination of homeless assistance programs at the community level to ensure that homeless people receive the housing and services necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. CPD homeless assistance programs include: Supportive Housing (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (SPC), Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single-Room Occupancy Dwellings (SRO), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG).

CONTINUUM OF CARE

The Continuum of Care policy was implemented in 1995. Currently, approximately eighty percent (80%) of the U.S. population is covered by a Continuum of Care plan. In 1996 and 1997, communities identified leveraged resources in excess of \$1.7 billion and \$2 billion respectively, in other funds. In addition, a sample of annual performance reports found that 29% of the persons leaving HUD transitional housing during the operating year moved to permanent housing. The following tables provide detail on funding, use of funds, and number of persons to be assisted through the homeless assistance programs.

Total Amount of Funds Awarded
FY 1996 - FY 1997
Dollars in Millions

	FY '96	FY '97
SHP	\$606	\$663
SPC	89	61
SRO	48	24
ESG	115	115

Proposed Use of Funds
FY 1997

Activity	
Housing/Operating Costs ⁱ	41 %
Supportive Services	55
Administration	4

Number of Persons To Be Assisted
FY 1996 - FY 1997ⁱⁱ

	FY '96	FY '97
SHP	328,037	123,033 ⁱⁱⁱ
SPC	4,048	2,718
SRO	880	501

ⁱ Includes as housing costs: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing and rental assistance. Also includes operating costs (e.g., security, maintenance, utilities, furnishings).

ⁱⁱ Number of persons proposed to be served, at a point in time, as indicated in applications awarded in 1996 and 1997.

ⁱⁱⁱ The reduction in persons to be assisted between 1996 and 1997 coincides with the inclusion of renewal projects in the competition.